

Senate Resolution 1027

By: Senator Gooch of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Greg Sheppard; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Greg Sheppard started his career at the University of Georgia in the Experiment  
3 Station where he worked for ten years, then became a county agent in Wilkinson County for  
4 two years and in Lamar County for five years; and

5 WHEREAS, since 1994, he has been the county agent of the UGA Extension Service of  
6 Lumpkin County; and

7 WHEREAS, Greg Sheppard has taught and led 4-H club programs and horticultural  
8 education classes to schools and the community; and

9 WHEREAS, he has gone out of his way to help citizens throughout the county in need of free  
10 educational information and guidance in home gardening, plant and insect identification, and  
11 farming; and

12 WHEREAS, under his unfailing guidance and support since 1994, the Lumpkin County  
13 Georgia Master Gardeners program, which is a volunteer program of 44 members, has  
14 volunteered 29,549 hours, traveled 113,408 miles, and made 32,170 individual contacts,  
15 saving the county in excess of one-half of a million dollars; and

16 WHEREAS, he has provided intensive educational classes and technical programs, such as  
17 gardening classes, native wildflower rescues, plant clinics, wildlife forage classes, and chain  
18 saw safety and pesticide safety classes, that are valuable services to the citizens of Lumpkin  
19 County; and

20 WHEREAS, he has managed and organized the Gold Rush Parking and Rabies Clinic  
21 fundraisers, which not only provide affordable pet vaccines to the community, but also give

22 numerous 4-H members and school students the opportunity to attend 4-H events and  
23 activities at minimal cost and provide scholarships to 4-H camps; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
25 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 commend Greg Sheppard for 34 years of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public  
28 service to the State of Georgia.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Greg Sheppard.